

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A container comprising:
walls defining an inside zone housing for at least one piece of equipment, at least one of said walls comprising:

at least three sub-walls which are spaced apart from one another to define at least first and second air circulation spaces being separated without any communication therebetween, and comprise a first sub-wall which faces the outside of the container, a second sub-wall which faces the inside zone, and a third sub-wall which is interposed between the first and second sub-walls and sealingly separates the first and second air circulation spaces so that air in the inside zone of the container does not contact the air outside of the container,

wherein said first air circulation space communicates with the outside of said container via at least a first outside opening and a second outside opening formed through the first sub-wall, the first and second outside openings which define air circulation pathways between the first air circulation space and the outside of the container,

said second air circulation space communicates with said inside zone via at least two inside openings,

a first one of said sub-walls faces the outside of said container,

a second one of said sub-walls faces said inside zone,

a third one of said sub-walls is interposed between said first and second sub-walls, and sealingly separates said first and second air circulation spaces so that air in the inside zone of said container does not contact the air outside of said container, and

said first sub-wall is formed from a thermally insulating material;

and

a first air circulator device, which comprises a lower portion proximate the container and an upper portion distant the container and is installed through the second outside opening so that at least a part of bottom the lower portion of the first air circulator device is installed substantially in the second outside opening and the upper portion protrudes upward from the second opening onto the outside of the container.

2. (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein said third sub-wall is formed from a material enabling heat to be transferred between said first and second air circulation spaces.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the first air circulator device is arranged to suck in air from the outside of said container via said first outside opening to cause said outside air to circulate in said first air circulation space, and then to expel said outside air through said second outside opening.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended): The container according to claim 4, wherein said first air circulator device comprises at least one fan an upper a portion of which protrudes from is positioned in the second outside opening substantially to the outside of the first air circulation space container.

7. (currently amended): The container according to claim 4, wherein the at least two inside openings comprise a first inside opening and a second inside opening, the container further comprising:

at least one second air circulator device arranged to suck air in from said inside zone via ~~at least the first one of said inside opening openings~~, to cause said inside air to circulate in said second air circulation space, and then to expel said inside air through ~~at least a the second one of said inside opening openings~~.

8. (currently amended): The container according to claim 7, wherein at least a portion of said second air circulator device is installed ~~substantially~~ in said second inside opening.

9. (previously presented): The container according to claim 7, wherein said second air circulator device comprises at least one fan.

10. (previously presented): The container according to claim 7, further comprising a control device arranged to control the operation of at least one of said first air circulator device and said second air circulator device.

11. (previously presented): The container according to claim 10, wherein said control device is arranged to control the operation of at least one of said first air circulator device and said second air circulator device in such a manner as to regulate the temperature in said inside zone.

12. (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the direction of air circulation in said first air circulation space is substantially opposite to the direction of air circulation in said second air circulation space.

13. (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the walls of said container comprise at least three walls, each of which comprises said at least three sub-walls.

14. (previously presented): The container according to claim 13, wherein said at least three walls communicate with one another in such a manner as to comprise a single-shaped element.

15. (previously presented): The container according to claim 13, wherein one of said at least three walls is a top wall.

16. (previously presented): A telephone system including a container according to claim 1 housing telephone equipment.

17. (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the first air circulator device is arranged to suck in air from the outside of said container via said first outside opening to cause said outside air to circulate in said first air circulation space, and the container further comprises:

a second air circulator device arranged to suck air in from said inside zone via at least a first one of said inside openings, to cause said inside air to circulate in said second air circulation space, and then to expel said inside air through at least a second one of said inside openings, the second air circulator device being arranged outside the second air circulation space in the inside zone.